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Honoring local and State first responders, and the citizens of the Pacific Northwest in facing the severe winter storm of December 2 and 3, 2007.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WU (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. HONDA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. McKEON, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ROSS, Mr. HILL, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. STARK, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SIRES, Mr. KIND, Ms. BEAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. OLVER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. McCRERY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. COBLE, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring local and State first responders, and the citizens

of the Pacific Northwest in facing the severe winter storm of December 2 and 3, 2007.

Whereas on December 2 and 3, 2007, a storm with winds exceeding 120 miles per hour struck Oregon and Washington, toppled trees, felled power lines, and destroyed homes and businesses;

Whereas more than ten inches of rain fell in 24 hours, inundating parts of Oregon and Washington, causing rivers to overflow, flooding homes, schools, businesses, and roads;

Whereas the combination of hurricane-force winds and torrential rains caused devastating damage that isolated towns, left citizens without housing, transportation, communications, water, heat, or electricity;

Whereas local and State emergency personnel responded heroically and without hesitation to aid in rescue, recovery, and assistance efforts;

Whereas the Oregon and Washington National Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard rescued hundreds of individuals trapped in or on their homes by rising water;

Whereas the people of Oregon and Washington rose to become extraordinary citizens by helping each other, opening their homes, schools, churches, and businesses to shelter their neighbors;

Whereas amateur radio operators performed vital communication duties in assisting first responders;

Whereas the National Weather Service forecasts helped avert even greater casualties and damage;

Whereas people have perished in the storm;

Whereas homes, businesses, schools, and roads have been closed;

Whereas many long-term effects of the storm are still unknown; and

Whereas thousands of people of the Pacific Northwest are without power, water, or road access: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the citizens of the Pacific Northwest
3 for their courage in facing the storm and efforts in
4 helping their neighbors in a time of great need;

5 (2) honors the National Weather Service, State
6 and local police officers, fire fighters, local rescue
7 personnel, other first responders, and amateur radio
8 operators for their efforts in the face of the severe
9 storm;

10 (3) extends its thoughts and prayers to those
11 whose lives have been devastated, and who have lost
12 their housing, transportation, communications,
13 water, heat, or electricity; and

14 (4) extends its profound and deepest sym-
15 pathies to the families and friends of those who per-
16 ished.

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